

October 31, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, November 6, 2001, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u>  |   |
| 2. <u>Approval of September 27, 2001 Minutes</u><br>_____<br>_____   | 2. Approve Minutes of September 27, 2001 Meeting. |
| 3. <u>Call to the Audience</u><br><br>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. | 3. For Information.                               |

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG freeway program management will address issues related to the freeway Life Cycle Program.

5. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

An update of ongoing activities related to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan will be presented.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

ADOT has requested that \$16.868 million in FY 2002 funding be transferred from the South Mountain Corridor to the Gilbert to Williams Field segment of the Santan Corridor. This transfer would allow for additional right-of-way purchases in the Santan Corridor which should result in program savings. Since the EIS for the South Mountain Corridor is underway and will not be completed until 2004, there are only limited advance purchase right-of-way opportunities in the corridor. The funds would be transferred back to the South Mountain Corridor in 2003 (\$5.0 million) and 2004 (\$11.868

7. For information and discussion.

million).

The Town of Gilbert has requested that the Santan Freeway at the junction with the railroad tracks at Rittenhouse Road be depressed under the tracks. The original design for this segment has the freeway going over the tracks. Gilbert is concerned with the neighborhood impacts at this location since the freeway structure would be significantly elevated to provide sufficient clearance. ADOT estimates that the additional cost would be \$4 to \$5 million, of which Gilbert is willing to contribute up to \$2 million.

8A. Amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On July 25, 2001, the Regional Council approved the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since that time, eight projects have been identified that need to be added or changed. The first project is to add a Phoenix/ADOT Federally funded project that will increase the number of left turn lanes to Thunderbird Drive at I-10; the second is to change the description of the Apache Junction CMAQ funded dirt road paving project as described in a separate agenda item; the next two involve the addition of two Maricopa County Federal safety funded projects on the Loop 303; the next involves the combination of three Maricopa County CMAQ funded ITS projects into one; and the final project involves the addition of a new, privately funded, arterial roadway in Buckeye, which is the subject of Agenda Item 8B below. Further details are provided in the Table shown as Attachment Number 1.

8A. For information, discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

8B. Request to Add Airport Road from I-10 to Osborn Wash to the MAG FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program

The Town of Buckeye has requested that a new section of Airport Road from I-10 to Osborn Wash be added to the MAG FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program. This arterial is being privately funded and provides access to the new 8,800 acre master planned Whitestone Community. The Whitestone Community is being developed on the former Caterpillar property on the eastside of the White Tank Mountains. Discussions at the MAG Governance Task Force meetings have involved MAG's role in reviewing projects that have a significant regional impact. These discussions have highlighted the fact that MAG must approve changes to the 208 Wastewater Plan and to both the Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan. The Airport Road Traffic Interchange at I-10 is already in the approved TIP and is being privately financed by Whitestone Community developers. Last month, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary amendment to the 208 Plan to include the wastewater treatment facility to serve the Whitestone Community. The action to approve the construction of the Airport Road arterial would be the third MAG action. Before taking action on the request, a discussion concerning the Whitestone Community development will occur.

9. Paving Dirt Road Project Change of Description for Apache Junction

The City of Apache Junction has requested that a 2002 CMAQ funded

8B. For information, discussion, and possible action to approve the addition of the Buckeye Airport Road from I-10 to Osborn Wash to the MAG FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program.

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend reprogramming of the City of Apache Junction Road paving project.

paving project programmed on Mountain View Road between Tepee Street and McKellips Road be relocated and expanded. The new location would be Smoke Tree Street from Meridian Drive to Saguaro Drive and Warner Drive from Foothill Street to Lost Dutchman Boulevard. The project would also be expanded to include dust abatement for Windsong Street from Cedar Drive to Warner Drive, and for Warner Drive from Foothill Street to Smoke Tree Street. A letter from Apache Junction requesting the reprogramming is enclosed with this agenda as Attachment Number 2.

The amount and type of federal funding allocated to the project would not change. Also, the number of miles to be paved would not be reduced. At their September 11, 2001, meeting the MAG Street Committee unanimously recommended approval of this change.

10. Elderly Mobility Implementation Program

On October 3, 2001, the Regional Council approved the recommendations of the MAG Regional Action Plan on Aging & Mobility. These 25 recommendations are from an extensive one year stakeholder process (See attachment Number 3). The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee has ranked the recommendations of the Elderly Mobility Implementation Program as its number one priority project. This involves reserving approximately \$800,000 in funding to address the recommendations and to have the MAG member agencies apply for the funds, similar to the MAG Street Sweeper Program. Examples of areas that would have high potential for implementation include: (1) Making housing developments more liveable for seniors by placing services closer to where

10. For Information, discussion and possible action.

they live (i.e., Senior Friendly Neighborhood Zones and (2) Improving access to other transportation options besides the automobile by expanding existing service or creating new service (i.e., the Independent Transportation Network model program). Councilmember Claudia Walters of Mesa, Chair of the MAG Elderly Mobility Work Group, will speak on the importance of this funding to begin implementation of the Plan.

11. Recommendation of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in FY 2007 of the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

It is currently estimated that \$38.6 million will be available in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and \$3.0 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for programming non-freeway projects in FY 2007. This figure includes a projected growth in the FY 2007 apportionment and an expected amount of Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA). To date, 75 CMAQ eligible project requests have been received, totaling \$142 million and 19 STP eligible projects have been submitted, totaling \$24 million and an initial list of projects was distributed to members at the September 27, 2001 meeting. All projects have been scored through the CMS and CMAQ systems by MAG staff. MAG modal technical advisory committees (TACs) have considered the projects and have provided their recommendations, which are shown in Attachment 4A. An analysis of non-freeway projects programmed last year for FY 2006 and the 2002-2006 TIP as a whole is shown in Attachment 4B.

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approximate modal allocations for MAG Federal funding in FY 2007 of the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

Members are expected to review the recommendations and to recommend approximate modal allocations for further consideration by TACs during November. At the scheduled TRC meeting on December 11, 2001, members will be expected to recommend a MAG Federal Funded program for FY 2007, for inclusion in the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

12. Draft Cooperatively Developed ADOT Project List for 2007

Each year, ADOT, MAG and RPTA cooperatively develop a list of projects for funding consideration for the new fifth year of the ADOT Five-Year Highway Construction Program. For 2007, it is anticipated that approximately \$197.0 million will be available for new projects. This is after deducting the allocation for lump sum items and for the regional freeway program and adding the bid savings from the U.S. 60 design - build project. The draft 2007 list will be forwarded separately. As requested by the TRC, the list will also include a listing of projects that may be considered in future years.

13. Discussion of RPTA 5307 Transit Program Funds for FY 2007

Staff from RPTA will present a list of 5307 transit projects (See Attachment Number 5) and discuss funding priorities for FY 2007. These projects represent RPTA's initial list of identified project needs and are for discussion purposes before the Committee, and have not yet been prioritized or ranked by RPTA.

12. For information, discussion and possible action.

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14. ADOT Proposal to Accelerate State Route 85

ADOT has proposed advancing the planned improvements on State Route 85. MAG has supported funding of the improvements on SR 85 during past funding cycles. A total of \$73.5 million has been allocated to this route over the past few years, which is a 30-mile section of SR 85 connects I-10 with I-8. The road carries significant heavy truck traffic and has experienced a number of fatal accidents over the past few years. Therefore, ADOT would like to complete all of the improvements on an accelerated basis, including projects already programmed and projects that have not yet been programmed for funding. Please see Attachment Number 6 for a summary of projects.

15. Next Meeting Date

The next TRC meeting will be scheduled for December 11, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

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